Waste Programs Environmental Justice Cross-Cutting Issues

# Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

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### Topic Area: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

#### **Action Item**

Develop a strategy to respond effectively to environmental justice complaints.

#### Office of Solid Waste

The Office of Solid Waste (OSW) is working with the Office of General Counsel (OGC) and the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) to produce a guidance document for the EPA Regions to use in addressing Title VI environmental justice issues related to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program. OCR has primary responsibility for EPA's implementation of Title VI, including the investigation of complaints that are submitted. The guidance document will describe the Title VI requirements, outline available options within RCRA statutory authority to prevent and respond to environmental justice concerns in permitting decisions, describe the response that Regions should take in response to a Title VI complaint, and discuss Headquarters and Regional responses to the loss of a Title VI complaint. Monthly meetings are currently taking place to develop the contents of the guidance document.

#### **Completed Milestones**

5/94 Held a kick-off meeting with OGC, OSW, and OCR.

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